Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No answer is called for in view of the answer to question No. 215 (a).

218. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—If the answer to the previous question be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which the amount was made good ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Vide answer to question No. 217.

The expenditure on account of musical concerts.

219. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have spent any amount out of State funds for musical concerts during the past year and the current year ;

(b) the precedents, if any, during the previous years ;

(c) the total amount paid therefor in 1100 and 1101 ;

(d) the special circumstances that warranted such payments ;

(e) are any such payments made to the subjects of the State ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) A donation of Rs. 250 was paid to the boy prodigy in music, Manahar Barve, in the current year. No amount was spent in 1100.

(b) Government do not consider it worth while to find out precedents.

(c) Vide answer to (a). No such donation in 1100.

(d) His Highness was pleased to give the donation.

(e) The information is not readily available.

Applicants for appointment in the Judicial Department.

220. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the applicants for the District Judge's post, recently applied?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement giving the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I wish to point out that I had sent 3 questions together asking for a few names. Two of these questions were answered. The third was not answered.

President.—No answer at all ?

Dr. A. R. Menon.— No. I don't know what is the policy involved in this matter in not giving me a few names. The other day

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you were pleased to remark that answers could not be given easily when it involves a policy. I ask a plain question. Will you give me the names of those who applied for the post recently vacated by Dr. Subrahmanya Ayyar? That question does not involve any policy. It does not require any hunting after. Now, Sir, I want to know why it was not answered. I asked 2 questions for which I got reply. I asked a third question along with it. I put it on the same day. Two of the questions were answered, and the third one was not answered. Why this differential treatment I want to know.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The answer was not ready.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Beg your pardon ?

President.—He says the materials were not ready. It is only the names. He wanted only the names.

Anyhow, it is not an intentional omission. Materials were not fully obtained.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I leave it to you—whether giving half a dozen names requires so much materials. It is now 20 days since I put it. The object of this question serves no useful purpose ,if this question is answered after 3 months. It involves a principle, because I want to point out to know whether the Government have violated their own rules in this matter. What is the fun of answering the question after 3 months ? I have only sent these three questions in one year. I only wanted to get some names.

I want to bring to your notice, Sir, that, if you restrict that each Member should send only 25 questions in one year, it is impossible to ask any questions here. I do not blame the Government alone in this particular matter.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—All these questions were received in the Diwan's Office. The first two questions were answered from the Office itself. For the other, reference had to be made to the Head of the Department. That is the reason why that answer was not given.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—You may tell us that you want time.

President.—So far as the Diwan's Office is concerned, they can take it out easily. So, in regard to the other, you have not received full information? At least at the time, when printing was taken up ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We called for information sufficiently early. We did not make any delay.

President.—There is no difficulty in taking up *names*.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is it so very difficult to send a letter from the Huzur Office to the Medical Office ? Reply can be obtained by bearer, if the Secretary wanted materials.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—*I* have sent up the names. Of course, I don't know whether there has been any delay in my *office*.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Now, it is nearly 23 days.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is absolutely no trouble for the taking of names. It does not take more than half an hour.

President.—After all, it is a question of giving names. Please look into the matter. This was put along with certain other questions; you answered two of these; the transmission to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and all that could have been easily effected.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—When the answers were prepared, the information was not received.

President.—You must make a note of this. When a Member sends a question, he may have certain objects. After all, it is a question of names. He wants information about it. Probably, he wants to base an argument upon the information furnished, so that you must have got this information about the applicants, which is not available in our own office. The information regarding the applicants for the posts of District Judge and Sirkar Vakil, we had in our office; is it not?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes, Sir.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is not so easily explained. I know, information was furnished to questions sent five days ago by this department, I mean the Secretariat department. I sent this question 21 days ago. All these questions are topics of current interest. It ceases to have its meaning, if I ask these questions next time. All these questions—many of them—are related to the Medical Department. I think, invariably, this is the only department, from which, I am sorry to say, we cannot get proper information. I have to do my duty or leave this place. The only department which refuses to give information is the Medical Department.

You ask 21 days' time Sir, very well, we give 21 days. If you ask 2 months, Sir, we are prepared to follow that rule. But, Sir, these rules must be observed to some extent. Otherwise, we cannot do any useful work here.

President.—Is that particular file here?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I shall get the file.

President.—As far as possible, in the case of questions, make an honest endeavour. You must try to avoid these complaints. When facts are ready, and some names have to be supplied, I cannot find any difficulty in supplying these names; probably, the Member may raise a point in reference to these tnames o draw ourattention to certain matters.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Shall I get the file from the office?

President.—Not now. The question time is over. I want to know where the delay was. These questions are all put together; in fact, these are the only three questions of Dr. A. R. Menon. I do not think he has sent any other question.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I do not give unnecessary trouble. These are the only three questions that I put. Two were taken, and one is left unanswered.

President.—He has really ground for complaint.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We really cannot appreciate the difficulty of gathering these materials—really cannot appreciate!

President.—But it seems to me, you must take it from me that every honest attempt is made to furnish answers to your questions.

221. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the applicants for the Sirkar Vakil's post, recently applied?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement giving the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

The appointment of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

222. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state when was the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer first entertained in the State service and what were the terms of the appointment?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the various Government orders granting extensions of his tenure of office?

(c) When were these orders notified in the Gazette? If not notified, why were they not notified?

(d) How old is the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, and what is the reason for extending the period of his service when he is already under retirement from the British service on account of old age?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer assumed charge on 23rd April 1924. The terms of the appointment are given in the Diwan's Notification, dated 2nd January 1924, and the Diwan's Proceedings, C. No. 1754 of 99, dated 2nd January 1924, and Dis. No. 342/R/99, dated 27th June 1924, copies of which are appended (*Vide Appendix IV A.*)

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 212.)

Petition dated nil from P. S. Krishna Ayyar, Contractor, Elanad Village, Talappalli Taluk, to the Diwan of Cochin.

I beg to submit the following for your honour's kind consideration and favourable disposal.

Under a contract dated 16th Kumbham 1100 entered into by me with the Conservator of Forests, Cochin, I have agreed to cut, collect and remove all marked trees on seigniorage from compartment No. 9 of the Chelakkara Working Circle, Survey No. 444, Elanad Village, Talappalli Taluk, as per conditions of the contract, one of which is that I should complete this work before 30th Medam 1101. It is now more than six months I have been working this area, and I have paid up all Government dues regularly and punctually.

Now, this area comprising of about 400 acres is a detached portion of forest area surrounded on all sides by paddy fields and is apparently assignable. I am prepared to remit in cash the amount Government may fix as tree value and ground value, and I respectfully beg to request that the area may be assigned to me. This will further enable me to carry on more vigorously the work of felling and removing the trees and clearing the ground for cultivation, as I shall not be bound down by so many conditions as at present in working the area.

If your honour think it necessary to have any further information about me, I beg to request that your honour may kindly make a reference to Mr. C. W. E. Cotton, to whom I am known from 1909, when he was the Director of Industries.

For this act of kindness, I shall be ever grateful and pray for your honour's health and prosperity.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 220.)

Applicants for the District Judge's post.

(1) Mr. A. S. Vengu Ayyar, B. A. & M. L., Chief Court Vakil, Ernakulam.
(2) Mr. P. K. Kumaran, B. A. & B. L., District Court Vakil, Parur.
(3) Mr. A. Velayudha Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Ernakulam.
(4) Mr. K. Raman Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.

APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 221.)

Applicants for the Sirkar Vakil's post.

1. Mr. P. Rama Ayyar, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.
2. ,, R. P. Venkitakrishna Ayyar, B. A. & B. L., Chief Cout Vakil, Ernakulam.
3. ,, K. Raman Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.
4. ,, P. K. Kumaran, B. A. & B. L., District Court Vakil, Parur.
5. ,, C. A. Ouseph, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.
6. ,, K. Achyuta Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.

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7. Mr. A. Velayudha Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Ernakulam.
8. ,, P. Raman Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Ernakulam.
9. ,, V. K. Kuttan Menon, B. A. & B. L., Acting District Munsiff, Chittur.
10. ,, Ramakrishna Ayyar Subrahmanya Ayyar, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.
11. ,, A. S. Vengu Ayyar, B. A. & M. L., Chief Court Vakil, Ernakulam.

APPENDIX IV (A).

Leave and Appointment.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 222.)

Dr. G. N. Coombes, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, is granted privilege leave for four months and furlough for two months in continuation from the date of avail.

7. Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, L. M. and S., will act as the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, vice Dr. Coombes or until further orders on the maximum salary attached to the post, viz., Rs. 800.

Office of the Diwan of Cochin,
Local and Legislative
Department,
2nd January 1924.

(By order)

P. DAMODARA MENON,

Secretary to the Diwan.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Legislative Department.

Read again Notification dated 2nd January 1924.

Order R. O. C. No. 1754/99, dated 2nd January 1924.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, L. M. and S., appointed to act as the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in the above notification will, on the retirement of Dr. Coombes, be continued as the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. The engagement with Dr. Verghese will, for the present, be for a period of two years, and he will be given the maximum salary, viz., Rs. 800 attached to the post. He will also be allowed to occupy the building to be vacated by Dr. Coombes on the same terms as the latter

(True extract)

(Sd.)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.
,, Comptroller of Accounts.
Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.
Copy to Sarvadhikariakkar.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Legislative Department.

Read again Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 1754/99, dated 2nd January 1924.

Also (2) the Sarvadhikariakkar's communication A. No. 553/99, dated 25th June 1924.

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Order Dis. 342/R/99, dated 26th June 1924.

In continuation of the Diwan's Proceedings read above, Government are pleased to order that Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese be given a pension of Rs. 20 per mensem for each completed year of service under the Cochin Government.

2. The question of its commutation will be postponed for consideration later.

(True extract)

(Sd.)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.
,, Comptroller of Accounts.

APPENDIX IV (B.)

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 222.*)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Miscellaneous Department.

Read again Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 1754/99, dated 2nd January 1924.

Also (2) the Sarvadhikariakkar's communication A. No. 1011/1101, dated 17th April 1926.

Order Dis 2360/D/1101, dated 20th April 1926.

The term of appointment of Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese as the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer will be extended for a further period of two years on the existing terms.

(True extract)

(Sd.)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.
,, Comptroller of Accounts.

APPENDIX V.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 223.*)

Statement showing the travelling allowance of the Diwans of Cochin Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya.

	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Karkadagam 1094	136	8	0	Vrischigam	225	8	0
Chingam 1095	326	4	0	Dhanu	271	4	0
Kanni	209	0	0	Makaram	217	11	0
Thulam and Vrischigam	622	0	0	Kumbham	357	4	0
Dhanu	60	0	0	Meenam	248	4	0
Makaram	332	10	0	Medam	50	0	0
Kumbham	217	5	0	Edavam and Mithunam	279	0	0
Meenam	170	7	0	Mithunam and Karkadagam	320	0	0
Medam	362	0	0	Chingam 1097	167	8	0
Edavam	203	6	0	Kanni	88	0	0
Edavam and Mithunam	239	15	0	Thulam and Vrischigam	366	14	0
Karkadagam	152	11	0	Vrischigam	139	0	0
Chingam 1096	95	4	0	Dhanu to Kumbham	865	14	0
Kanni	387	9	0				
Thulam	301	0	0				
				Total	7,412	2	0

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